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Energy & Technology Committee  
Room 3900  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Committee Members:

I am from Prospect and I live three miles away from a proposed wind farm site. I am here to express my concern for this type of project and how it will impact my town and neighbors. This is personal to me.

I grew up in the neighborhood that will be directly affected by this proposed wind farm. I have family that still lives in the house I grew up in. I am speaking on the behalf of my 77-year old father who cannot be here today. He will be within 1500-feet of the proposed site. He has owned his property in Prospect since 1955. He has put his life's work into his property.

When he bought his property, he understood he was near Route 69 and there would be some noise associated with the location. What he never imagined, as he dug his foundation by hand, that his retirement years and lifetime investment could be ruined by a proposed wind farm located so close to his home. The impact this proposal could have on his quality of life, personal safety and devaluation of his property is beyond his comprehension and, frankly, mine as well.

This densely populated area is not the proper location for this type of facility. The negative impacts upon the residents will be too great. The residents of the area shouldn't be asked to sacrifice a lifetime of work and investment for a facility that would be better

suited elsewhere in a remote setting as is common around the world. Regulations need to be in place to protect the interests of Connecticut citizens. Please, think of the residents that have put a lifetime of work into to their property and the young families that are now faced with a potential burden of the many negative impacts this project will bring. Please don't put them in a position where they will be unable to have a lifetime of peace and security in their own home. Please understand that the value of their properties will be greatly reduced and they will find themselves trapped in their own homes because their neighborhood has been made completely undesirable.

Sincerely,

Helen Plante